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Applicant: Ib MENDEL-HARTVIG et al : Paper No.:
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For: **Analytical Method Using Particles and Test Kit for Performing the Method**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PCT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-34 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method associated with analytical methods in a flow matrix, which analytical methods utilize biospecific affinity reactions to detect an analyte in a sample, the method comprising [and which comprises]:
- i. allowing the sample (analyte) and an analytically detectable reactant (Reactant*) to migrate through flow channels in a flow matrix to a detection zone (DZ)